

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 19, 1864.

Every officer and soldier capable of duty is wanted in the field, and if not on duty they are ordered to their respective organizations.

All Provost Marshals and Boards of Enrolment are instructed to employ the most diligent exertions in forwarding soldiers to the front, and arresting deserters, shirkers, and all fit for duty who are absent without proper authority.

Surgeons in charge of hospitals are directed to send forward all who are fit for service, taking care, however, not to expose any who are unfit.

Recruiting officers are enjoined to diligence, and those who are found guilty of neglect, or useless, the Adjutant General is directed to recall immediately and send to their commands.

Every effort must be put forth to fill up the ranks, strengthen the armies, and aid the patriotic and gallant troops now smiting the reeling enemy with victorious blows.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

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